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FIRST NAMED INVENTOR: BHASHYAM RAMESH, ET AL.
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EXAMINER: JEAN M. CORRIELUS
TITLE: "CLUSTERING STRINGS USING N-GRAMS"
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1. COURTESY COPY OF OFFICE ACTION SUMMARY COVER SHEET OMITTING SHORTENED STATUTORY TIME PERIOD FOR REPLY;
2. RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 28, 2005;
3. FIVE (5) NEW SHEETS FORMAL DRAWINGS;
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APPLICANT(S): **Renek, et al.**

USN: **101661, 245** FILED: **9.12.2003**

PAT NO: **114**

☐ New Application with Transmittal Letter

☐ Utility ☐ Design ☐ CIP ☐ Provisional

☐ Filing Under 37 CFR 1.53(b) ☐ CONT ☐ DIV

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☐ Specification Consisting of: _____ pages

☐ Declaration

☐ Power of Attorney

☐ Assignment / Cover Letter

☐ Letter to Official Draftsman

☐ Drawings **5** Sheets ☒ Formal ☐ Informal ☐ Red-Ink **New Sheets**

☐ Priority Document(s)

☐ Amendment:

☐ Transmittal ☐ Large Entity ☐ Small Entity

☒ Response **to MPEA mailed 3.28.2005**

☐ Information Disc. Stmt. PTO-1449(s) _____ re(s)

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☒ FEES: **Examiner's Selection Summary**

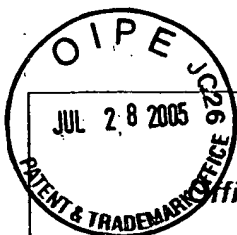
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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/661,245

Applicant(s)

RAMESH ET AL.

Examiner

Jean M Corrielus

Art Unit

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE ____ MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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In re Application of:	§	
Bhashyam Ramesh, et al.	§	Group Art No. 2172
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	§	Examiner: Jean M. Corrielus
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For: Clustering Strings Using N-Grams	§	
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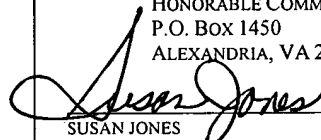
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed March 28, 2005, Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action.

The Examiner did not specify a shortened statutory period, so this Response is due by September 28, 2005. Therefore, this Response is considered timely filed.

Amendments to the Drawings are detailed beginning on page 3 of this response.

Amendments to the Specification are detailed beginning on page 4 of this response.

Amendments to the Claims, if any, are reflected in the "Listing of Claims" which begins on page 4 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this Response.